Sl. No.	Name of the States/ Union Territories	No. of filaria cases (In million)
10.	Orissa	1.51
11.	Tamilnadu	1.30
12.	Uttar Pradesh	7.52
13.	West Bengal	0.03
14.	Pondicherry	0.01
15.	A&N Islands	–
16.	Daman & Diu	–
17.	Lakshadweep	–
18.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	–
	Total	20.81

[Translation]

Treatment of Cataract

3913. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the successful treatment of cataract is the change of lens;

(b) whether most of the victims of the eye diseases are poor rural people and they are not able to change the lens;

(c) the expenditure to be incurred on cataract operations of one eye and both eyes in Government hospitals and in private hospitals separately; and

(d) whether Government propose to take any concrete steps to provide the facility to the poor people to get the lens changed free of cost or on low cost basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) No, Sir. Intraocular lens (IOL) implementation is a modern and improved technique for treatment of cataract.

(b) As per the survey conducted in 1989 blindness is more prevalent in rural areas. Intraocular lens implantation facilities are not freely available in Government Hospitals in rural areas due to lack of trained surgeons and other sophisticated equipment facilities needed for Intraocular lens implantation.

(c) Cataract Operations are being done free of cost in all the Govt. Hospitals. No data regarding expenditure on cataract operation in private hospitals are available.

(d) Under World Bank Assisted Cataract Blindness Control Project, which is in operation in seven States, it is proposed to get those patients operated for cataract and implantation of Intraocular lens free of cost who are medically recommended and also cannot afford the cost of lens.

Express Highway in Gujarat

3914. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA:
SHRI HARIN PATHAK:
SHRI KASHI RAM RANA:
SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD:
SHRI N.J. RATHVA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work on Ahmedabad-Vadodra Express Highway in Gujarat has been stopped;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (c) The road works of the project in question has temporarily been stopped due to contractual problems but the bridge works are currently in progress. It is now proposed to take up the balance work on B.O.T. (Build-Operate-Transfer) basis.

[English]

Centrally Sponsored Scheme

3915. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Central Health Schemes currently in operation and the progress achieved thereunder, scheme-wise;

(b) the details of significant achievements and shortcomings recorded on objective assessment of implementation of these schemes; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to meet such shortcomings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL

SHERVANI): (a) to (c) A statement showing details of major Central Health Schemes being implemented throughout the country and achievements made during 1995-96 is enclosed.

The shortcomings encountered relate to problems like non-filling of posts by the State Governments and technical constraints e.g. cases of drug resistance/vector resistance which occur on an area specific basis.

To augment resources World Bank Assistance has been availed for various disease control programmes like Tuberculosis, Leprosy, Blindness, AIDS and also State Health System under implementation in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Karnataka and West Bengal. From administrative angle State Governments have been requested to fill up the vacant posts, especially under the Primary Health Care infrastructure. New drugs and insecticides have been also introduced selectively in areas where resistance has been encountered.

STATEMENT

Achievements under major Central Health Schemes for the Country during 1995-96

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	1995-96 Achievements
	Centrally Sponsored Schemes	
1.	**National Malaria Eradication Programme (NMEP)**	
	i) No of positive cases detected and treated	2.80 million
	ii) No. of P.F. cases detected and treated	1.09 million
	Measures for the containment of Malaria were further strengthened through supply of insecticides and drugs as under:—	
	Insecticides Supplied under NMEP	
	DDT	10553 MT
	BHC 50%	5784 MT
	Malathion 25%	350 MT
	Malathion Tech.	18800 Litres
	Synthetic Pyrethroid :	111 MT
	Biocides : (Ist time introduced)	164.8 MT
	Impregnated Bednets :	1 lakhs (Nos.)
	Drugs supplied under NMEP	
	Tab. Chloroquine	45.5 Crore
	Tab. Primaquine (7.5 MG)	298 Lakhs
	Tab. Primaquine (2.5 MG)	221.3 Lakhs
	Tab. Quinine Sulphate	2098000
	Quinine Injection	128250 Amps
2.	**National Leprosy Eradication Programme**	
	New cases detected	4.24 Lakhs
	Cases brought under treatment	4.20 Lakhs
	Cases discharged	6.13 Lakhs

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	1995-96 Achievements
3.	**National T.B. Control Programme**	
	New cases detected	13.82 Lakhs
	Sputum examined	19.86 Lakhs
4.	**National Programme for control of Blindness**	
	Cataract operations performed	24.47 Lakhs
5.	**Family Welfare Programmes**	
	i) Immunization coverage	(No. of children covered)
	D.P.T.	222.22 Lakhs
	Polio	224.66 Lakhs
	B.C.G.	237.99 Lakhs
	Measles	200.37 Lakhs
	T.T. (Preg. women)	217.51 Lakhs
	ii) Family Planning Coverage	(No. of cases)
	Sterilisation	43.80 Lakhs
	I.U.D.	68.10 Lakhs
	C.C. Users	144.07 Lakhs
	O.P. Users	42.17 Lakhs

6. National AIDS Control Programme

During the last four years of the implementation of the programme, 154 Zonal Blood Testing Centres have been established all over the country to provide HIV testing facilities. 199 Blood Banks have been modernised during 1995-96. In service training to 128 Medical officers, 747 Blood Bank Technicians and 37 Drug Inspectors have been imparted under the programme. 372 existing STD clinics in Medical Colleges, and in District and Taluka hospitals ar being strengthened through the provision of laboratory equipments and training of manpower.

Purely Central Schemes

7. National Cancer Control Programme

i. Financial assistance has been extended for early detection and preventive measures to 33 Districts.

ii. Oncology Wing of 35 Medical Colleges/Hospitals have been strengthened.

iii. 29 Cobalt Therapy Units have been distributed.

iv. Financial assistance has been released for strengthening of 10 Regional Cancer Centres.

8. National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme

At present 27 States/UTs have completely banned the sale of non-iodated salt in their territories and the Annual production of iodated salt achieved is at about four million Metric tonnes.

9. National Mental Health Programme

This is also a Central scheme to revitalise the Mental Health Programme for upgradation of living conditions in the Mental Hospitals and development of community based Mental Health Programme. Action have been initiated to strengthen some important Mental Hospitals/Institutions in the country like NIMHANS, Bangalore, Mental Hospital Shahdara, Delhi, Mental Hospital at Ranchi and Tazpur etc.

[Translation]

By-Pass on N.H. 24

3916. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any suggestions/proposals for construction of a by-pass on National Highway-24 linking Bareilly city;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the progress made in this regard so far and the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (c). The proposal for a by-pass at Bareilly on N.H. 24 is still at the stage of survey and investigation and it is too early to indicate any time frame for a final decision in the matter.

[English]

Fire in Central Drawing Office

3917. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fire broken out in a Central Drawing Office of the Khamaria ordnance factory, Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether any Board of Enquiry was constituted in the matter;

(c) if so, the findings of the enquiry and action taken on the defaulters; and

(d) the total losses incurred by the Government due to fire accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) and (b). Yes Sir.

(c) As per the findings of the Board of Enquiry, the fire was accidental which occurred due to short circuit of the electrical wiring in the Central Drawing Office of Ordnance Factory Khamaria. The Board has also concluded that the cause of the fire cannot be attributed to negligence on the part of any individual. However, action on implementation of the two remedial measures suggested by the Board of Enquiry has been taken up.

(d) Rs. 12,000/- approx.

Air Force Station for Fighter Aircrafts in Bihar

3918. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any major Air Force Station for aircrafts of Fighter and Transport Squadrons in the State of Bihar;

(b) if not, the reasons and justification thereof;

(c) whether the Government have plans to develop Purnea, Mirganj and Bihta Air Fields as active base stations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) There are no major Air Force Stations for fighter and transport aircraft in the State of Bihar.

(b) Purnea and Bihta airfields have runways that can support fighter and transport operations. Both airfields are nominated as diversions for nearby operational airfields.

(c) and d). There are no plants at present to develop any of these airfields beyond their capabilities. A unit of trainer aircraft is being set up at Bihta.

Unutilised water of Pampa and Idukki Rivers

3919. SHRI A.G.S. RAM BABU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state: